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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTS' MEETING IN PANAMA--SECOND JOINT DECLARATION  
RELEASED

REFS: PANAMA'S 1678, 1683 AND 1716

SUMMARY: WITH A DAY'S DELAY, APPARENTLY DESIGNED NOT TO DETRACT  
FROM IMPACT OF INITIAL "DECLARATION OF PANAMA," FOREIGN MINISTRY  
HAS RELEASED MARCH 25 TEXT OF SECOND QUADRAPARTITE JOINT  
STATEMENT. FOCUSSED ON QUESTIONS OTHER THAN THE CANAL ISSUE,  
SECOND DECLARATION IS LARGELY ENDORSEMENT OF POSITIONS TAKEN  
IN MARCH 23 PEREZ-ECHEVERRIA MEXICO CITY DECLARATION. END  
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SUMMARY

1. A SECOND JOINT DECLARATION, ALSO SIGNED BY CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT MARCH 24, WAS PUBLICLY REVEALED IN PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 25 BY FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISER JORGE ILLUECA. THE STATEMENT, TEXT OF WHICH CONTAINED IN FBIS PANAMA 260252Z MARCH 75, COVERS MATTERS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO CANAL QUESTION, THE PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF FIRST "DECLARATION OF PANAMA."

2. IN THE FOLLOW-ON JOINT STATEMENT, THE FOUR SIGNATORIES, SPECIFICALLY ENDORSING MARCH 22 PEREZ-ENHEVERRIA DECLARATION, EXPRESSED (1) "ANTIPATHY" TOWARD "COERCIVE NATURE" OF U.S. TRADE ACT, (2) URGENT NEED FOR REFORMS IN INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, (3) IMPORTANCE OF CALLING LATIN CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING THIS YEAR TO DEFINE AND COORDINATE COMMON STRATEGY FOR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, (4) SOLIDARITY WITH BOLIVIA'S ASPIRATION FOR OUTLET TO SEA, (5) IMPORTANCE OF CREATING CARIBBEAN MERCHANT FLEET AND LATIN AMERICAN MULTI-NATIONALS, (6) ADVISABILITY OF LATIN COORDINATION WITH CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES, (7) SATISFACTION WITH CREATION OF CAFE SUAVE CENTRALES, AND (8) SUPPORT FOR SUGAR POLICY THAT DEFENDS PRICES AND PROMOTES ADEQUATE MARKETING CONDITIONS. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES ALSO RECOGNIZED "DECISIVE" ROLE OF THIRD WORLD IN TRANSFORMATION OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS, SUPPORTED A "SYSTEM OF CONSULTATION AND PERMANENT ECONOMIC COOPERATION" AMONG LATIN COUNTRIES, CALLED FOR THE PROMPT EFFECTIVENESS OF CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES, CONDEMNED NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND TESTING BY MAJOR POWERS, HOPED FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE OF INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL OFFER EQUITABLE SOLUTIONS TO ASPIRATIONS OF THIRD WORLD, AND AGREED TO INVITE ALL LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS TO CELEBRATE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOLIVAR'S CONGRESS OF PANAMA HERE IN JUNE 1976.

3. COMMENT: USE OF TWO DECLARATIONS, THE FIRST AND MOST DRAMATIC SHARPLY FOCUSED ON THE CANAL ISSUE, APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DEVISED TO ENSURE THAT PANAMA QUESTION RECEIVED MAXIMUM PLAY AND IMPACT. THE FOLLOW-ON STATEMENT, POINTEDLY AN ENDORSEMENT OF PEREZ'S JOINT DECLARATION WITH ECHEVERRIA, CONTAINED LITTLE NEW BUT NEVERTHELESS REPRESENTS FORMAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADHERENCE OF COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA AND PANAMA. AS SUCH, IT ADDS SOMEWHAT TO SUBSTANTIVE SIGNIFICANCE OF "MINI-SUMMIT" WITHOUT DETRACTING FROM PROMINENCE OF PANAMA PROBLEM.  
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